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BLACK BOARD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Black Board Scheme in West Bengal;

(b) whether any problems are being faced in the implementation of this scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the proper implementation of this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): Funds were released for procurement of Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE)for all the eligible 48450 primary schools in West Bengal. In all, 1679 posts of primary teachers were sanctioned to convert single teacher primary schools to dual teachers schools.

Under the expanded Operation Blackboard scheme (OB),3750 posts of third teacher in primary schools, where enrolment exceeded 100, were sanctioned. Funds were released for procurement of TLE for 2648 upper primary schools inthe State. Inall, 2353 posts of additional teachers were also sanctioned for upper primary schools. A total amount of Rs. 11059.08 lakhs was released to Government of West Bengal for the implementation of Operation Blackboard scheme, out of which State Government has utilized Rs. 10809.78 lakhs.

There has been some delay in the utilization of funds released for TLE.State had now utilized 97.75% of the funds released. The scheme has been subsumed in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan from 2002-03.